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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 37 C.F.R. 1.97, and 37 C.F.R. 1.98, Applicant requests that a citation and examination of the references cited below, and on the attached PTO-1449 form, copies of which are enclosed, be made during the course of examination of the above-identified application for United States patent.

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

<u>Document No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Inventor</u>
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

<u>Document No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Country</u>
0 511 851	11-4-92	European
DE 100 37 969	2-28-02	Germany
DE 100 46 312	4-4-02	Germany

OTHER DOCUMENTS

XP-000150599 – Hohberg, "How to Find Biconnected Components in Distributed Networks", pages 374-386

German 100 37 969 relates to a method for determining the topology of a physical point-to-point network from a central position by transmission of telegrams or packets through the network to determine path take and therefore network type.

German DE 100 46 312 relates to a network topology identification system which uses a circulating message which is automatic.

Applicants look forward to early and favorable consideration of this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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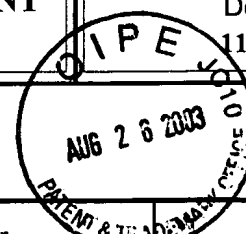
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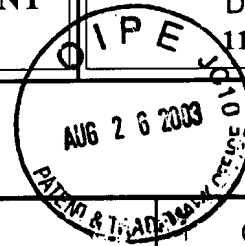
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